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Communist forces also have renewed their attacks in Kontum and Pleiku provinces. Heavy shellings and increased anti-aircraft fire apparently have caused heavy government casualties and have forced the abandonment of at least two outposts. The South Vietnamese are anticipating heavier fighting in the area and there are tentative indications that a Communist regiment may be moving into position to cut the highway between Kontum and Pleiku cities.

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